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SUBJECT:TRAVEL OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SENATOR SPARKMAN

REF: (A) MOSCOW 13927; (B) MOSCOW 14840; (C) STATE 241124

1. DEPT RECEIVED FOLLOWING TEXT OF LETTER FROM JAMES  
FREE TO SEN. SPARKMAN THRU MONTGOMERY AT C.O.B. ON  
10/16/75. AS PER REFTEL C., DEPT RELAYING TEXT TO EMB.  
NAVAL ATTACHE MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON IT IN MAKING REQUEST  
TO FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE. BEGIN TEXT:

"DEAR SENATOR SPARKMAN:

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION  
NOVEMBER 4--12 WITH A GROUP OF ALABAMIANS. AND ALL OF US  
APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST AND THE HELP OF YOUR  
STAFF WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS.

AS A NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT, I AM INTERESTED IN SOVIET  
NEWSPAPERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO PRODUCE THEM. HOW DO THEY  
PREPARE FOR THIS CAREER? HOW IS THE NEWS GATHERED,  
EDITED, PRINTED, AND DISTRIBUTED? I HOPE TO VISIT PRAVDA  
OR IZVESTIA, AND TALK WITH SOME OF THE STAFF. FROM OUR  
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SCHEDULE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE MORNING OF NOV. 8 --

LISTED AS 'FREE TIME' ON OUR SCHEDULE -- SEEMS TO OFFER  
A LIKELY TIME.

AS A FORMER NAVAL RESERVIST AND ONE WHO WRITES ON OCCASION  
ABOUT DEFENSE IN THE U.S., I WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW  
A SOVIET NAVAL SPOKESMAN. THE AFTERNOON OF NOV. 6  
SEEMS TO BE A GOOD TIME.

I AM INTERESTED IN SOVIET STRATEGIC CONCEPTS, AND THE  
PARTS THAT SUBMARINES AND SURFACE SHIPS PLAY. IN THE  
MEANWHILE, I WILL CHECK WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE  
FOR ANY BACKGROUND MATERIAL THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE ON  
THESE SUBJECTS.

ANY ASSISTANCE YOU AND YOUR STAFF CAN GIVE ME WILL BE  
APPRECIATED. /SINCERELY, JAMES FREE/" END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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